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REASONS *Humbly Offered to the Honourable Houſe of Commons, Againſt an* Additional Duty of one Penny *per* Pound Weight, *Propoſed to be Laid on* Tann'd Sheep *and* Lamb-Skins, *called* Bazels ; *and of* Three half-pence *per* Pound Weight, *on all* Tawed Sheep *and* Lamb-Skins, *Dreſt in that Part of* Great-Britain, *Called* England, *which will be Thirty five* per Cent. *on* Tann'd Sheep *and* Lamb, *Called* Bazels; *And Fifty* per Cent. *on* Tawed Sheep *and* Lamb ; *and is not proportionable to the Value of* Oyl-Sheep *and* Lamb, *nor* Scotch Lambs Tawed, *nor* Sheep-Skins *made into* Parchment.

I. TAWED Sheep and Lamb of the Growth of *England* are generally thick and greaſy, and flautery, and much Salt uſed in Dreſſing ; that one Hundred Skins, when dreſt in Tawed Leather, weigh as much as Three Hundred Dreſt in *Oyl* ; the Oyl-Leather being worth 20 *d. per* ℔ ; and the Tann'd and Taw'd Sheep and Lamb-Skins not worth above 4 *d. per* ℔ ; and Writing Parchment worth as much as Oyl-Leather.

II. Beſides it will much leſſen the Duty, and lower the Value of Lands, the Duty being laid ſo unequal and high, and the Charge of Dreſſings and Tanning ſo great, that many Thouſands will be cut in pieces, that will not pay the Coſt and Charge in Tanning and Dreſſing of Tawed Leather.

III. The Courſe and Thick Tann'd Ship and Lamb, and Tawed Leather are Generally for Cloathing the Poor Labouring Men, ſo that they will pay 50 *per Cent.* when thoſe that wear the fine and thin, and are better able to bear the Duty, will pay but 15 *per Cent.* So the weightieſt Burden will lye on the Poor.

IV. The *Tawers* and *Glovers* are very numerous, and generally poor ; and if the Ballance be not laid equal in Trade, the *Oyl-Leather-Dreſſer* can give, according to the Duty intended to be laid, above Twenty *per Cent* more for the Raw Skins than the *Tanner*, and *Tawer*, or *Glover* can do, which will be the utter Ruin of Thouſands of Families.

V. *Scotch* Lambs are very fine and thin, and clear from Greaſe, and do not weigh half ſo much as *Engliſh* Lambs do, though they be above double the Value in Price, they being well flaid ; which if the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to Order a ſtrict Clauſe, as they have on Hides and Calve-Skins, to oblige the *Butchers* to flee well, and not cut and flaughter the Sheep and Lamb-Skins as they do, it will much advance the Duty, and be a Great Advantage to the Publick.

Laſtly, all the aforeſaid Reaſons and Allegations can be proved to be true againſt all the Objections that can be made again laying an Equal Duty on *Tanned* and *Tawed Sheep* and *Lamb*, to bear an equal Proportion to *Sheep* and *Lamb-Skins Dreſt* in *Oyl*, and *Writing Parchment*, being the Growth of that Part of *Great Britain*, called *England*.

All which is Humbly ſubmitted to the Wiſdom of this Honourable Houſe, hoping that a Real Value may be equally Laid, that all Perſons Trading in the afore-ſaid Goods may bear his own Burden, which will be for the Good of their Families, and the Ballance of Trade, and the Publick Advantage of the whole Kingdom.

REASONS

Humbly Offer'd by the *Tanners*, *Tawers*, and *Glovers* of *England*.

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